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## **CNRSE Honors Civilians of the Year**

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Patrick Powers and Kathy Johnson accepted the 2013 Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) Senior and Junior Civilian of the Year Awards, respectively, during a ceremony on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville May 14.

As the region's deputy mission sustainment officer, Powers plays a leadership role in encroachment prevention, mitigation and operational assurance. Throughout the year, he led multiple initiatives central to the success of the Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Readiness Division's Compatibility, Readiness and Sustainment Team, the South Texas Wind Turbine Mitigation Response Team, the Navy Region Southeast/DoD Energy Clearing House Regional Coordination Team, and the Space Florida Unmanned Aircraft System Integration Team. His efforts led to the development and implementation of a flowcharts defining team tasks, sequencing and deliverables.

"Mr. Powers' exemplary performance of tasks beyond expectations and his professional attitude toward self and others is universally recognized by juniors, seniors and peers," said Dave Dahl, Powers' supervisor. "His professionalism and dedication are reflected in his actions across

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all echelons and throughout the entire region. He is highly deserving of this honor, and I could not ask for a better teammate."

Powers said it was a privilege to accept the award.

"I am truly humbled by the honor of this selection," Powers said. "There are so many outstanding performers on the CNRSE staff. I am blessed to work for an immediate supervisor who sets a superb example, and gives me total support in my efforts. I am also surrounded in the office by a group of unequalled professionals, who not only demonstrate great technical expertise, but are enjoyable to work with as well, which makes each day a pleasure."

Johnson is a police academy instructor at the Regional Training Academy. Throughout the past year, she was instrumental in writing a sexual assault response lesson plan and a suicide response lesson plan designed to raise awareness about warning signs. This education was approved and adopted throughout all of Commander, Navy Installations Command.

"Kathy Johnson is one of those employees that you hope and pray gets assigned to you," said Max Tinsley, Johnson's supervisor. "She has the highest standards for herself and anyone who works around her. The care and attention she gives her students is reflected in the praise she receives on student comment sheets. Her professionalism and desire for others to succeed reflect credit upon her, the region and the Navy."

Johnson said it was an honor to receive the award and attributed much of her success to her supervisors.

"I feel truly honored to be chosen as the CNRSE Junior Civilian of the Year," Johnson said. "As a police officer instructor at the Regional Training Academy, I'm able to combine the two things that I enjoy: law enforcement and teaching. I am also very fortunate to work for

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supervisors that have supported me as I have challenged myself to improve the training that we provide at the academy. I sincerely appreciate having been recognized for my efforts to help others.”

Individual selection criteria for the awards was based upon exemplary performance of tasks, contributions that enhanced organization accomplishment of command objectives, mission, teamwork or public image, and one’s professional attitude toward self and others.

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**Captions:**

120207-N-UA460-016 – JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Patrick Powers was honored as the Commander, Navy Region Southeast Senior Civilian of the Year for 2013 on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville May 14. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Greg Johnson/Released)

130625-N-UA460-015 - JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Kathy Johnson was honored as the Commander, Navy Region Southeast Junior Civilian of the Year for 2013 on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville May 14. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Greg Johnson/Released)

